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1. SEOUL APPELLATE COURT OCTOBER 30 CONFIRMED THE CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCES OF FORMER OPPOSITION NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN KIM SANG-HYON, CHO YUN-HYONG AND CHO YON-HA. THE THREE HAD BEEN CONVICTED IN MAY OF EXTORTION AND ACCEPTING BRIBES. KIM'S SENTENCE IS THREE YEARS AND FOUR MILLION WON FINE. CHO YUN-HYONG'S IS THREE YEARS AND TWO MILLION WON FINE. CHO YON-HA'S IS TWO AND A HALF YEARS AND 1.2 MILLION WON FINE.

2. ON THE SAME DAY, THE APPELLATE COURT ACQUITTED SON MIN-HO, FORMER SPLINTER PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, OF ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW VIOLATION. SO HAD BEEN GIVEN A SUSPENDED SENTENCE OF ONE YEAR FOR ALLEGEDLY RECOGNIZING NORTH KOREA AS A STATE IN CONNECTION WITH CALLING FOR MILITARY REDUCTIONS BY NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA IN A 1967 CAMPAIGN SPEECH.

3. DEFENDENTS HAVE SEVEN DAYS IN WHICH TO DECLARE INTENTION TO APPEAL TO SUPREME COURT.

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